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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PACIONE, J.
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, and is filed contemporaneously with a petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) extending the date for filing a timely response to May 26, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 29 to 76 are pending in the application. By an Office Action mailed on February 26, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one invention and set out four proposed claim groups, namely Group I of claims 29-40 and 48-57, Group II of claims 41-46 and 69-75, Group III of claims 47, 60-64 and 76, and Group IV of claims 65-68. Claims 58-59 were not associated with a group by the Examiner. However, since they are dependent on claim 57 of Group I, for this response, Applicant assumes that claims 58-89 would be properly included in Group I.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group III of claims 47, 60-64 and 76, drawn to an anchor sheet.

Grounds of Traverse

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no basis for requiring restriction between the proposed groups.